

# RIDGELY'S RECORD

A Newsletter for the Residents and Businesses of Ridgely's Delight, an Historic Community

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September 2015

## Community & Board Meetings Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>

The monthly community meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-8pm at **Shakers**, due to the Orioles home game. Shakers is located at 737 Carroll St., behind the Dollar General on Washington Blvd. in Pigtown.

If you live, work or own property in Ridgely's Delight, you are welcome to attend the meeting. A board meeting will follow. Any community member is invited to attend, but only board members can vote.

A link to the meeting agenda will be available on our Facebook and Twitter pages when it is available. The meeting is a community-sanctioned event, and attendance counts toward becoming a Ridgely's Delight Association member in good standing.

## Welcome, New Neighbors

We tend to see many new faces at this time of year as the fall semester begins. If you are new to the neighborhood, welcome! Be sure to visit the What's New section of [www.ridgelysdelight.org](http://www.ridgelysdelight.org), where you can download a new neighbor flier, which offers some information to help you get settled.

## After School Adventures for Kids

The Department Recreation and Parks is registering school-aged children for After-School Adventures, a program that includes swimming, photography, soccer, roller/ice skating, nature studies, performing arts, and more. The program is free for city residents. To register or get more information, call 410-396-7001.

## City Offices Closed September 7<sup>th</sup>

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day. Parking meters will not be in effect.

### Pick-up Day Reminder

Trash pick-up: Wednesdays  
Recycling pick-up: Fridays

## Happy Hour is September 4<sup>th</sup> at Game

The Community First Friday happy hour will be held at Game, 1400 Warner St., by the Horseshoe Casino, starting around 6pm. Game is a 10,000-square foot sports bar and game room that features music, food, sports and old school games. We will have a roped off area, and if you tell the bartender you are from Ridgely's Delight, you get \$2 off all drinks except vault from 6-9pm. We hope to see everyone at our first happy hour at this location. Bring a few extra bucks for the 50/50 to benefit the Ridgely's Delight Association.

## DPW on Nextdoor

Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) is now using Nextdoor social media platform to provide important updates and information to Baltimore neighborhoods. You will see alerts, news, and other notifications that are relevant to Ridgely's. DPW staff can only see their own posts and replies to these posts. They will not be able to access or view any information that you and your neighbors have shared on Nextdoor Ridgely's Delight. If you haven't already signed up for Nextdoor and would like to, go to [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).

## Harbor Market at McKeldin Square

Lunchtime at Baltimore's Waterfront just got a lot more exciting. Through October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Waterfront Partnership will bring Harbor Market, a new pop up marketplace, to McKeldin Square. Every Wednesday and Friday, from 11am-3pm, downtown employees, residents and visitors can enjoy a rotating selection of local restaurants featuring delectable menu items, engaging recess style games, casual table top games, and good vibes. To stay up to date on vendors and happenings at the Harbor Market, visit [www.facebook.com/harbormkt](http://www.facebook.com/harbormkt).

### Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
(September 16<sup>th</sup>)  
Even Side: every 4<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
(September 23<sup>rd</sup>)

## Parking Petition Coming

Over the past year or so, the Ridgely's Delight Association has been seeking community input regarding the effective hours of parking restrictions. Currently, no permit is required between midnight and 7am on days when there is no stadium event. In a neighborhood survey, the majority of respondents – about 100 people – indicated a preference for a change from the current rules to instead allow for only permit parking (or guest pass) from 6pm-8am.

As a result, the RDA sent a letter to the Parking Authority to consider this change. The next step in the process is to circulate a petition in the neighborhood to verify majority community support. The Parking Authority has advised us that the petition could be ready as soon as the end of September. Every resident of Ridgely's Delight should receive a visit from someone asking whether you want to sign the petition.

If you support the change to the parking restriction hours, you should sign the petition.

If you do not support the change and want the parking restriction hours to remain the same, do not sign the petition.

Only one person from each household will be counted. All residents, including renters, are eligible to participate in the petition. Per the Parking Authority's rules, only residents may participate. If you own property in the neighborhood but do not live in that property, you are not eligible to sign.

The petition will be circulated over a 120-day period. If one person from each legal household in more than 60 percent of the neighborhood signs the petition, the Parking Authority will continue to the next step and contact all of the petition signers to verify that they have signed. Then the decision process will continue in City government.

The important thing to remember is that you should only sign the petition if you support the change in parking restriction hours. If you do not support it, do not sign the petition. Also, please note that the changes, if approved, will have no effect on parking rules during stadium events.

## Community Clean-up on September 12<sup>th</sup>

The monthly community clean-up will be held on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the community shed at the Burgundy Street lot at 9am. Pickles will provide free beer and pizza for volunteers afterward. The clean-up is a community sanctioned event.

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### Safety Tip: Secure Your Home

Last month, we reminded everyone, new neighbors especially, to leave nothing visible and lock the doors when leaving your car. This month, we'll focus on your home.

When thieves find a home that's easy to break into, they tend to hit other homes in the neighborhood. If they have difficulty breaking in, they tend to move to other areas. That's why it's important for everyone in Ridgely's Delight to make their homes as secure as possible. Following are some tips to help:

- Install a deadbolt lock. Lock your doors every time you leave the house, even if you're going out for just a few minutes during the day.
- Keep garage doors closed and locked.
- Secure sliding doors and windows.
- Don't leave valuables near the windows where they will be visible from outside.
- Mark your property with an engraver to help police in identifying and returning stolen property. Make a property identification list.
- Buy a burglar alarm and test your system monthly.
- Leave a light on a timer. Close bedroom drapes or blinds.
- Keep your front light on at night.
- Work with your neighbors. When you are going to be away, tell trusted neighbors and ask them to watch your property. Have neighbors maintain your yard. When on vacation, have someone cut the grass. Shrubbery should not hide neighbors' view of windows or doors. Have someone pick up newspapers and mail. Tell neighbors to call police if they notice anything suspicious.

If you see something, say something. Call 911 if you see suspicious behavior, like somebody looking in windows or trying to open doors. Join our Nextdoor site at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and post a description so neighbors can be on the lookout.


### Renovation Reminder

All renovation work requires a city permit. Additionally, since Ridgely's Delight is an historic district, work on the outside of your home requires CHAP approval prior to beginning any renovation. To review the CHAP guidelines, visit <http://www.ridgelysdelight.org/chap>

Feel free to contact the Ridgely's Delight Architectural Review Committee (ARC) with any renovation related questions at [arc@ridgelysdelight.org](mailto:arc@ridgelysdelight.org).



Have a City related concern and/or need to contact your councilman?

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Source: Maryland Department of the Environment

*Hours*  
**Mon, Tue, Wed**  
 7:00am — 8:00pm  
**Fri**  
 7:00am — 8:00pm  
**Thurs**  
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